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## **State Fire Marshal to Recognize Shreveport USAR Team**

**Shreveport, LA-** State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning is set to recognize 39 Shreveport Firefighters for their efforts as part of the Louisiana Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) response to the Tuscaloosa Alabama tornado event. LA. USAR was dispatched to respond by Governor Bobby Jindal at the request of Alabama Governor Robert Bentley. Fire Marshal Browning will be presenting recognition at the Shreveport City Council Meeting to be held Tuesday December 27, 2011 at 3:00 pm.

Shreveport Firefighters were part of a 135 person contingent of Louisiana responders who deployed on May 1, 2011 and operated for seven days in the tornado ravaged city. The teams conducted highly sophisticated searches in buildings looking for trapped people. The mission was coined a tremendous success and received positive comments from FEMA Director Craig Fugate, who called the Louisiana team a very effective unit.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, “We should be proud of our ability to build partnerships among our state fire service community, this has allowed us to help our neighbors in Alabama. Our state has been the recipient of help, many times and this was our part to pay back that kindness. The Firefighters of this state has made us proud and I appreciate the leadership of Mayor Glover, Chief Crawford and Chief Mulford as they all fully support public safety and make positive differences every day.”

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